

Report on Annual Expenditures for Travel, Hospitality and Conferences for 2018-19

This report provides information on the annual expenditures for travel, hospitality and conference fees for Atomic Energy of Canada (AECL) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019. Expenditures on travel, hospitality and conference fees are related to activities as per AECL's mandate and the government's priorities.

AECL is a federal Crown corporation responsible for enabling nuclear science and technology and protecting the environment by managing the Government of Canada's radioactive waste and decommissioning liabilities. We deliver our mandate through a Government-owned, Contractor-operated model whereby Canadian Nuclear Laboratories, a private-sector company, operates and manages our sites on our behalf.

AECL's role under the Government-owned, Contractor-operated model is to set priorities, assess the contractor's performance and bring value for Canada. AECL also advises the government of Canada on policy issues related to its mandate.

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Expenditure Category	Expenditures for the previous year ending March 31, 2018	Expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2019
Operational Activities	\$164,511	\$163,741
Key Stakeholders	\$173,271	\$144,619
Internal Governance	\$46,246	\$54,480
Training	\$96,820	\$135,875
Other	\$ -	\$ -
Total Travel	\$480,857	\$498,714
Hospitality	\$16,581	\$17,806
Conference & Course Fees	\$78,071	\$76,580
Total Travel, Hospitality and Conferences	\$575,509	\$593,100
International travel for Board members (included in Total Travel above)	\$19,737	\$ -

Travel and hospitality expenses for 2018-19 were in support of AECL's mandate and role, including travel to AECL sites across Canada and building collaborative relationships with foreign governments and

international organizations in order to leverage best practices in nuclear science and technology, environmental remediation, nuclear decommissioning, radioactive waste management and managing under a Government-owned, Contractor-operated model. AECL staff also represented Canada at international forums, for example at the International Atomic Energy Agency, an intergovernmental forum for scientific and technical cooperation in the nuclear field.

The slight increase in expenses between 2017-18 and 2018-19 is due in part to AECL continuing its efforts to build international collaboration in strategic areas, as well as staff training on highly-specialized topics and targeted conference participation.